



ATTACHMENT D

Marked Up Replacement Claims

Following herewith is a marked up copy of each rewritten claim.

1. (Amended) A process for producing a fluoroalkylcarboxylic acid of the formula R_fCOOH wherein R_f is a C_{1-16} fluoroalkyl group, which comprises oxidizing a fluoroalkyl alcohol of the formula R_fCH_2OH wherein R_f is as defined above using nitric acid and feeding oxygen into the reaction system during the oxidation reaction to reduce the required amount of nitric acid to a stoichiometric amount or less relative to the fluoroalkyl alcohol.

5. Canceled.